

Prioritise real risk, test controls and monitor what changes afterwards

WARNING: A HIGHER SCORE IS NOT A SECURITY GUARANTEE

MEASURE	UNDERSTAND	PRIORITISE	TEST	IMPLEMENT	VERIFY	MONITOR DRIFT
UNDERSTAND THE SCORE			IMPLEMENT			
☐ Record the current score ☐ Record the maximum available score ☐ Review current licence score ☐ Review achievable score ☐ Identify the largest recommendations			☐ Apply approved controls ☐ Record the change ☐ Verify technical enforcement ☐ Confirm score update			
PRIORITISE			EXCEPTIONS			
☐ Review administrator security ☐ Review MFA for all users ☐ Review legacy authentication ☐ Review guest users ☐ Review application consent ☐ Review mailbox forwarding			☐ Record business reason for exception ☐ Assign a named risk owner ☐ Record compensating control ☐ Set a review date			
TEST			MAINTAIN			
☐ Identify affected users ☐ Identify affected applications ☐ Select a pilot group ☐ Monitor sign-in failures ☐ Confirm emergency access works			☐ Monitor configuration drift ☐ Review changes regularly ☐ Review guests and administrators ☐ Review unresolved actions ☐ Test backup and incident response			
IDENTITY — HIGH-PRIORITY CONTROLS			WARNING: SCORE CHASING			
DONE: Administrator MFA DONE: Reduce Global Administrators DONE: Block legacy authentication DONE: Review Conditional Access DONE: Remove stale guests			X Controls enabled without testing X Points drive priority, not risk X Exceptions have no named owner X Planned actions never complete X Configuration drift undetected			
CURRENT LICENCE SCORE	ACHIEVABLE SCORE			PLANNED SCORE		
Points within your existing licences	After exclusions and accepted risks			If all Planned actions complete		

